

Limitation on Services

- a) Prescribed Drugs:
- ° Prescriptions must be prescribed by a licensed physician or practitioner as defined by federal and State law. (JLW)
  - ° Experimental drugs or listed as "Less Than Effective" drugs are not covered.
- b) Hearing Aids:
- ° Must be prescribed by a certified audiologist and prescribed by a licensed physician;
  - ° Must have Medicaid agency's prior authorization.
- c) Eyeglasses:
- ° Eyeglasses are covered only when prescribed by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist;
  - ° Lenses may be for single vision or standard bifocal;
  - ° Tinted or coated lenses may be authorized but only for individuals with Aphakia;
  - ° Only plastic frames are covered.
  - ° Contact lenses are not covered unless authorized for individuals with cataracts
  - ° Only one pair of eyeglasses will be covered every two years.
  - ° Prior authorization by the Medicaid agency must be obtained.
- d) Dentures:
- ° Only if prior authorization by the Medicaid agency has been obtained, and
  - ° Only if provided by the CNMI government-operated clinic.
  - ° Must be prescribed by a licensed ~~physician~~ dentist. (JLW)
- e) Wheelchairs:
- ° Must be prescribed by a licensed physician; (JLW)
  - ° Only if prior authorization from the Medicaid agency has been obtained.
  - ° Only one wheelchair is allowed every 5-years.
  - ° Repair and maintenance of wheelchair requires prior authorization from Medicaid agency.

- f) Other medical equipment;
  - ° Requires prior authorization from Medicaid agency; and
  - ° Only if prescribed by a licensed physician.